

PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM

Public Charter Schools (GC0)

The mission of the District of Columbia Public Charter Schools is to provide an alternative, free education for students who reside in the District of Columbia.

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Proposed Operating Budget (\$ in thousands)	\$105,000

Fast Facts

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The proposed FY 2001 operating budget for the Public Charter Schools is \$105,000,000, an increase of \$77,115,217 over the FY 2000 budget.• During FY 2000, the Board of Education and Public Charter School Board public charter schools enrollment increased over 100 percent, from approximately 3,124 in FY 1999 to approximate 6,991 in FY 2000. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In FY 2001, the public charter schools are estimating a student population of approximately 11,203, an increase of 4,212, or 60.3 percent, over FY 2000.• In FY 2001, eight (8) newly established public charters will open. |
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FY 2001 Proposed Budget by Control Center

The basic unit of budgetary and financial control in the District's financial management system is a control center. The Public Charter schools are comprised of one control center that serves as the major component of the agency's budget, with each school as an area of responsibility.

FY 2001 Proposed Budget by Control Center

(Dollars in Thousands)

D.C. Public Charter Schools

Control Center	Proposed FY 2001 Budget
0010 DC CHARTER SCHOOLS CONTROL CENTER	105,000
GC0 D.C. Public Charter Schools	105,000

Agency Overview and Organization

D.C. Public Charter Schools (charter schools) were established through the enactment of the District of Columbia School Reform Act of 1995. The charter schools are self-governing autonomous public schools. The charter schools exercise exclusive control over educational programs, expenditures, administration, personnel, and instructional methods within authorized limitations.

In the District of Columbia, two chartering authorities govern public charter schools: the Board of Education and the Public Charter School Board. The current 11 D.C. Board of Education members are elected. The seven members of the Public Charter School Board are selected from a list of 15 qualified individuals presented by the U.S. Secretary of Education and appointed by the Mayor in consultation with the DC Council.

In addition to having the powers to approve and revoke charter schools, the two eligible chartering authorities have the following responsibilities:

Monitoring the operations of each public charter school which has been granted a charter;

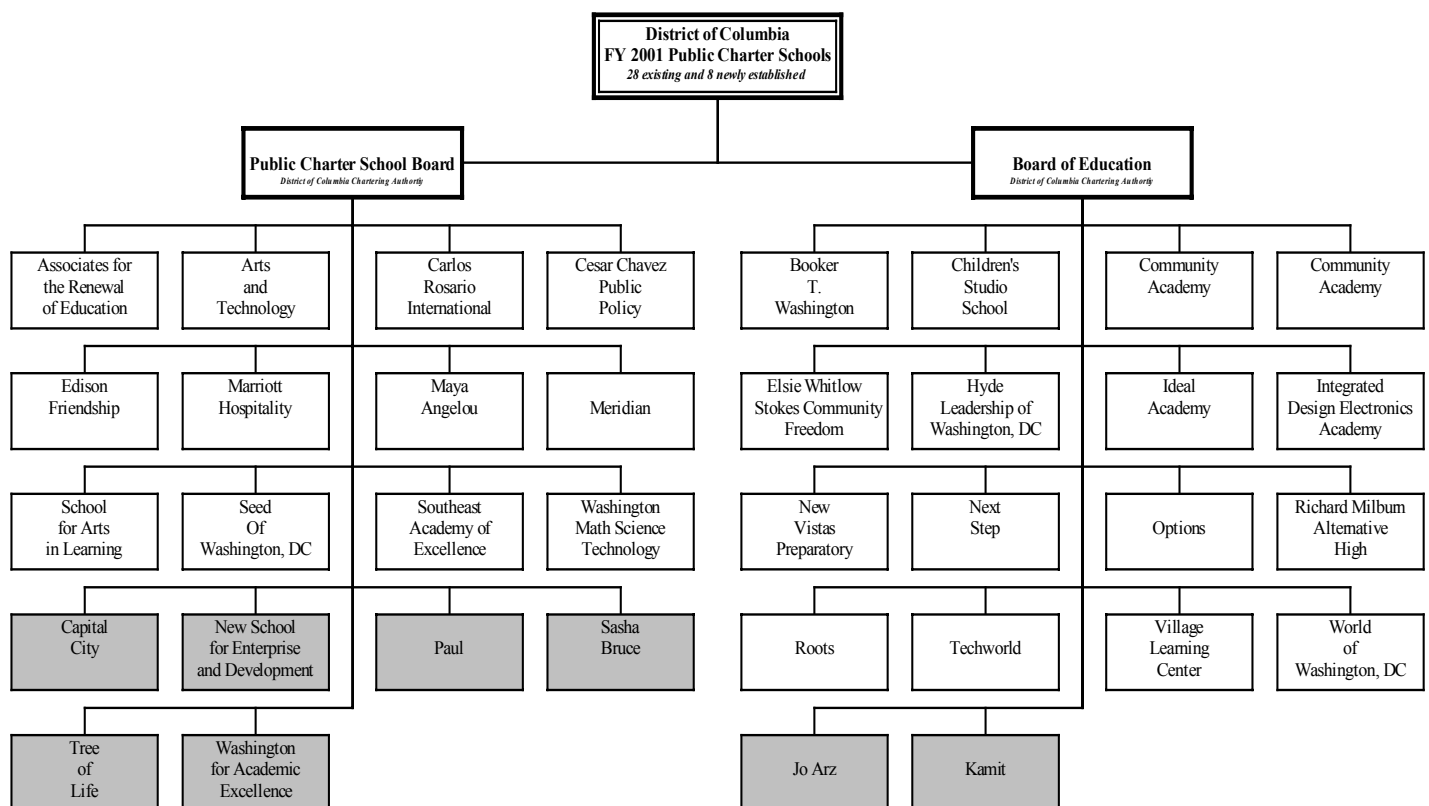
Ensuring that each public charter school complies with the applicable laws and the provisions of the charter granted to such school; and

Monitoring the progress of each school in meeting academic achievement expectations specified in each charter granted.

Additionally, a Board of Trustees governs each individual public charter school in a manner consistent with the charter granted to the school and the provisions of current law. The standards for selecting members of a Board of Trustees of a public charter school are established pursuant to the individual charter granted to the school.

FY 2001 Proposed Operating Budget

In FY 2001, the public education system, DCPS and public charter schools (PCS), will continue to receive allocations for schools according to "Uniform Per Student Funding Formula." The funding formula determines the amount of operating funds for DCPS and PCS, as mandated by the D.C. School Reform Act of 1995, Public Law 104-134. Based on the Public Law 104-134, the budget for PCS should be composed of the official enrollment count taken in October of the preceding fiscal year multiplied by the established per pupil funding formula. The proposed FY 2001 budget is comprised of 11,203 students (FY 2000 actual enrollment of 6,991 students and 4,212 projected enrollment for the expansion of existing schools and beginning enrollment for newly established schools). The proposed foundational funding level for FY 2001 is \$5,728, which is 2.0 percent above the previous fiscal year. In addition, the proposed FY 2001 budget has additional funds to address the expansion of 28 existing PCS, the approval of eight (8) newly established PCS, the identified special needs of the students attending both existing and newly established PCS charter schools and a per pupil facilities allotment of \$1,482. Moreover, to ensure adequate funding in FY 2001, the proposed budget includes the amended weights (e.g. the adjusted Level 4, 3.2 weighting, and the new Level 5, 9.4 weighting).



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Agency Funding Summary

The proposed FY 2001 operating budget for public charter schools (PCS) is \$105,000,000, which is comprised solely of local funds. The \$105,000,000 is \$77,115,217 or 276.5 percent over the FY 2000 approved amount of \$27,884,783. The increase consists of FY 2000 audited enrollment numbers and forecasted enrollment for the expansion of existing PCS and projected enrollment for newly established PCS. The two chartering authorities have granted provisional approval for eight (8) new charters in FY 2001 (school year 2000-2001), highlighted in the chart below, and the addition of new grades in the existing 28 charter schools. The FY 2001 column shows a projected enrollment count provided by the two District of Columbia chartering authorities.

Board of Education	FY 1999 Count	FY 2000 Count	FY 2001 Projections	Public Charter School Board	FY 1999 Count	FY 2000 Count	FY 2001 Projections
Booker T. Washington	0	250	250	Arts and Tech. Academy	0	393	613
Children's Studio School	84	86	120	Associates for Renewal of Education	0	33	50
Community Academy	300	494	570	Carlos Rosario International	400	668	640
Hyde Leadership of Washington, DC	0	245	320	Cesar Chavez Public Policy	60	120	180
Elsie Whitlow Stokes Community Freedom	31	67	125	Edison-Friendship	1,218	2,022	2,482
Ideal	0	132	160	Marriott Hospitality	0	62	130
Integrated Design Electronics Academy	100	160	185	Maya Angelou	45	52	70
Richard Milburn Alternative High	132	165	400	Meridian	0	84	250
New Vista's Preparatory	0	124	150	School for Arts in Learning	64	72	90
Next Step	36	45	56	Seed of Washington, DC	40	71	120
Options	99	99	135	Southeast Academy of Excellence	0	571	750
Roots	0	61	61	Washington Math, Science and Technology	200	325	355
Techworld	147	263	350	Capital City	0	0	132
Village Learning Center	120	238	450	New School for Enterprise and Development	0	0	150
World of Washington, DC	48	89	200	Paul	0	0	725
Kamit	0	0	50	Sasha Bruce	0	0	70
Jos Arz	0	0	190	Tree of Life	0	0	74
TOTAL:	1,097	2,518	3,772	Washington for Academic Excellence	0	0	550
*Newly Established Public Charter Schools in FY 01				TOTAL:	2,027	4,473	7,431

FY 2001 Proposed Operating Budget**(Dollars in Thousands)**

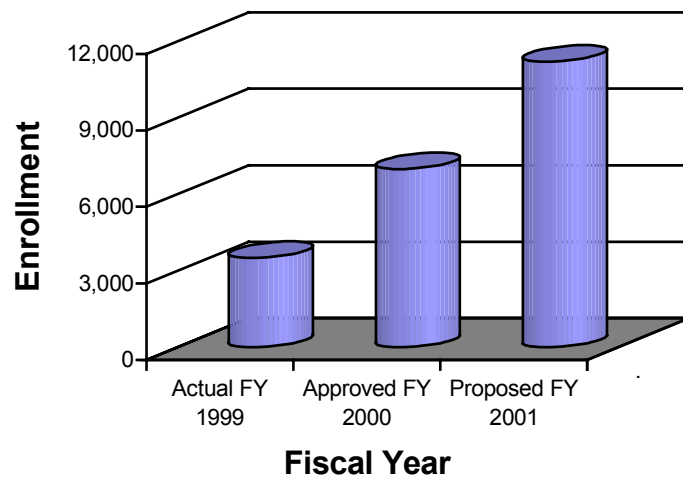
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Object Class	Actual FY 1999		Approved FY 2000		Proposed FY 2001		Variance	
Subsidies and Transfers	25,239		27,885		105,000		77,115	
Subtotal for: Nonpersonal Services (NPS)	25,239		27,885		105,000		77,115	
Total Expenditures:	25,239		27,885		105,000		77,115	
Authorized Spending Levels by Revenue Type:								
	FTEs	Dollars	FTEs	Dollars	FTEs	Dollars	FTEs	Dollars
Local	0	11,113	0	27,885	0	105,000	0	77,115
Federal	0	14,126	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total:	0	25,239	0	27,885	0	105,000	0	77,115

Figure 1

In FY 2001, enrollment in the public charter schools is projected to increase to 11,203.

In school year 1998-1999 (FY 1999) enrollment in the public charter schools was approximately 3,124 students. In SY 1999-2000, enrollment increased to approximately 6,991; in SY 2000-2001, the chartering authorities project enrollment to increase to 11,203 students, or approximately 220 percent from SY 1998-1999 (FY 1999).

**Figure 2**

FY 2001 Proposed Charter School Funding Based on October 1999 Enrollment

Enrollment (excluding expansion of existing schools and projected enrollment of newly established charter schools beginning in School Year 2000-2001)

The amount of funding will drastically increase from FY 1999 to FY 2001 due in part to eight newly established charter schools opening in School Year 1999-2000. The FY 2001 Proposed Budget for public charter schools is \$105 million, which is an increase of \$77.1 million over the FY 2000 Approved Budget and \$79.8 million over the FY 1999 Actual Budget.

